

St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 25, 2011 - The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas



L'Église St. Patrick

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am – 12 noon

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 4:00 pm – Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00 am

Monday through Friday: 7:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 – 3:30 pm and Weekdays: 7:15 am

Baptisms

Parents are encouraged to call the Church during pregnancy to avoid delays of the sacrament

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance to allow time for preparation

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Welcome to St. Patrick Church

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 24-- Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM: Mildred Maraist; James "Jimmy" Delahoussaye; Edna Parker; August Lanclos; Larry Lampo; Christopher Landry; Bannon Braun; Betty Rolfes; Millie Rolfes Benit (living); Bruce & Robbie Vidrine; M/M Aurelis Landreneau; M/M Alcidue Vidrine; Hottel, Paul & Tim Fontenot; Floyd McDaniel; Bryan Wilkins; Josh Brunfield; M/M Eugene Plauche; M/M John Golden; Dana Baldry Knight; Mary J. LeBlanc

6:00 PM: Sick of the Parish

Sunday, December 25-- Christmas Day

8:30 AM: Eddie Knight; Bernice & Mona Broussard; Rachel Wickman (living); Lionel Pitre; Kirt Anthony Breaux; Velma Bernard; Bertha Touchet

10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Monday, December 26-- St. Stephen, first martyr

7:30 AM: Guidry Family

Tuesday, December 27-- St. John, apostle and evangelist

7:30 AM: Eddy Knight

Wednesday, December 28--The Holy Innocents, martyrs (Msgr. Charles Mallet)

7:30 AM: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living); Col. Kimberly Fedele (living)

Thursday, December 29-- St. Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr

7:30 AM: Bernice & Mona Broussard; Rachel Wickman (living)

Friday, December 30-- The Holy Family of Mary and Joseph

7:30 AM: Lucille Latimer; Ewing Latimer, Sr., (living); Lucille Fontenot; Edith McKean

Shamrocks—Friday, December 30: No cleaning

Christmas Project Heifer International Gift of Tree Seedlings: \$60— Share of Seedlings: \$10

A family with a small orchard or grove can supply their own fodder or firewood, sell fruit or nuts, and begin saving to build a new house or pay for a child's education. Plus, tree roots hold together topsoil and lock in moisture and nutrients. That's why Heifer International projects include seeds and saplings. Please add the gift of tree seedlings as part of your commitment to people and our planet.

Make checks payable to St. Patrick Church. All donations will be sent to Heifer International at the beginning of the year. Heifer International meets the BBB Wise Giving Alliance's Standards for Charity Accountability. For additional information please visit their website: <http://www.heifer.org/>

Christmas Poinsettias
In Loving Memory of:



**Eddy Knight; James "Jimmy" Delahoussaye
Edna Parker; Larry Lampo;
Begnaud, Bourdier & Lavergne Family;
Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne**



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**The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness has not overcome it.**

— John 1:5



New Year's Mass Schedule
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 1: 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Annual Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game will be **Wednesday, December 28**, at the gym on the campus of Opelousas Catholic. The game starts at 6:30. Come support vocations to the priesthood and enjoy this entertaining evening as the seminarians seek to defend their title against our local priests.

Young Adult Gathering

All young adults (ages 18-40, married or single) are invited to attend the Well! The Well is held every fourth Tuesday of the month at Sts. Peter & Paul in Scott, LA, and includes Praise and Worship, Adoration, and a Guest Speaker (7-8:30p.m.). For more information contact the well.lafayette@gmail.com

Circle of Friends

Single adults in Acadiana, ages 30 and up, can find a venue of fellowship and speakers every Tuesday, except the third Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. Supper Club provides a monthly social at a local restaurant on the 3rd. Tuesday of every month. For more information or about the meetings or to be added to the email list, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 261-5653 or www.catholiclifefellowshipnetwork.webs.com

Acadiana Salutes our Servicemen/Women

The A.S.O.S. is a support group for the loved ones of those serving our country. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the American Legion Hall on Surrey St., in Lafayette. For more information call Karen Brown at 896-4337

The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

Holy Hour for Vocations

Please join us for our monthly "Holy Hour", **Monday, January 2**, from 6:00—7:00 p.m., at St. Patrick Church. This is an excellent opportunity to spend one hour each month in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and our prayers are being answered as there are several new Seminarians for the Diocese of Lafayette. All are welcome!!!

Serra Club of Lafayette

The Serra Club of Lafayette is part of an international organization of Catholic laymen and laywomen, whose mission and ministry is to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life through prayer, awareness and support. To learn more about the Serra Club of Lafayette, please call Stuart Clark at 984-5683

Food for the Journey

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette presents "Food for the Journey", a monthly lunchtime speaker series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. The speaker will be **Rev. Kevin Bordelon**, Associate Pastor of Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette; Director of the Office of Vocations & Seminarians and Director of the Office of Continuing Formation of Clergy for the Diocese of Lafayette. Several Seminarians will accompany Fr. Bordelon for this presentation. "Food for the Journey" will be held on **Tuesday, January 3**, at Crown Plaza Hotel, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., beginning just after 12:00 noon. An optional buffet lunch is available at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12.00 and includes meal, drink and tip. All are welcome—come "eat and be fed". Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Mary Bergeron (654-8682)

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK

Our Response to God's Generosity to Us

Offertory.....\$4,199.66

Retirement Fund Rel.....\$ 869.22

Heifer International.....\$2,740.00 (total)

Thank You!

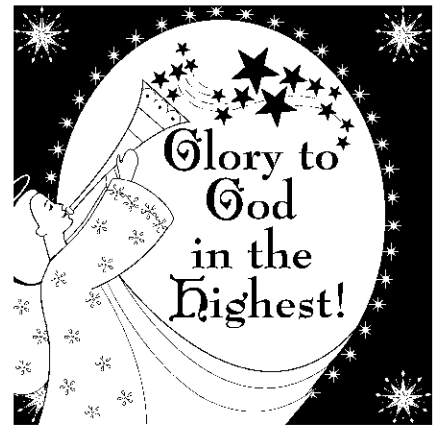


Liturgical Roles for January 2012

Date	Saturday, December 31 4 p.m.	Sunday, January 1 8:30 a.m.	Sunday, January 1 10:00 a.m.
Lectors	Harold Guilbeau	Kenneth Phillips	Linda Garber
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Spruill Candis Thompson Joy Borel	Geneva Phillips Sandra LaGrange Kay Hampton	Monica Mullins Dee Boudreaux Jerry Boudreaux
Server	Rosalind Allen	Glenn LaGrange	Debra Carroll
Ushers	Oren Spruill Joyce Stelly	Donald Vallot Helen Vallot	Jenny Feehan Joyce Stelly

Readings for the Week

Monday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
 Friday Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]
 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22,39-40]
 Saturday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
 Sunday Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



From the Pastor's Desk

Today we celebrate the great and glorious Feast of the Incarnation – the Nativity of our Lord. I offer several quotes from our ancestors in the faith, reflecting deeply and beautifully on this great mystery.

First we have from a sermon of St. Augustine (d. 430) a presentation of the contrasts and contradictions of the Word becoming Flesh, of God made man:

“The maker of humanity was made human: so that the one ruling the stars might nurse upon the breast; that bread might become hungry, that the fountain might become thirsty, that light might sleep, the Way might be fatigued by the journey; that truth might be accused by false witnesses, the judge of the living and of the dead might be judged by mortal judges, justice condemned by unjust judges, discipline might be scourged by whips, the grape be crowned with thorns, the foundation suspended upon a limb; that power might be infirmed, health be wounded, that life might die (s. 191.1).”

We continue reflecting with Augustine as he lays bare the intimacy of mother and child, the creature and her Creator:

“O manifest infirmity, and marvelous humility, in which was hidden total divinity! The infant was subject to his Mother, while his power was ruling; and he sucked upon her breasts, even as she was munching upon his truth. May he perfect in us these gifts, the one who did not abhor to share our beginnings; and may he make us into sons of God, the one who was willing to become a son of man (s. 184.3).”

We conclude with St. Bernard of Clairvaux (d. 1153), on the transforming power of the Incarnation, and what that Incarnation is intended to accomplish within us:

“I beg that the Word be to me, [a Word] not only audible to the ear, but visible to the eyes, one which hands can touch and arms carry. And let it not be to me a written and mute word, but one incarnate and living, that is to say, not [a word] scratched by dumb signs on dead skins, but one in human form truly graven, lively, within my chaste womb, not by the tracings of a dead pen, but by the workings of the Holy Spirit (IV.8).”

“For a child is born to us, a son is given us.” (Isaiah 9)

M. Keith